



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Suddenly Sleepy Saturday
A Day for Narcolepsy Awareness**

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused by the brain's inability to regulate sleep-wake cycles; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects an estimated 1 in every 2,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is an under-recognized and under-diagnosed condition; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of narcolepsy, especially when undiagnosed and/or untreated, can lead to accidents, injuries and problems with learning and working; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people neurologically, socially and emotionally; and

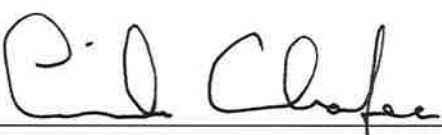
WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset typically between the ages of 15 and 25; and

WHEREAS, the Narcolepsy Network is a national organization, based in North Kingstown, RI, created to promote awareness of the disease and support for those who suffer from narcolepsy; and

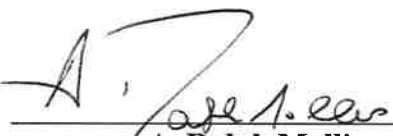
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2013 as Suddenly Sleepy Saturday – A Day for Narcolepsy Awareness in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 9th day of March, 2013



Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor



A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State